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July 23, 2002



**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-391 (Sub-No. 9X); Red River Valley & Western  
Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - In LaMoure and Barnes  
Counties, ND

Dear Secretary Williams:

In connection with the above-referenced proceeding, please find enclosed an original and 10 copies of Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company's letter regarding consultation with certain agencies.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed acknowledgment copy and returning it to our messenger.

Very truly yours,

Troy W. Garriss

Enclosures

cc: William Drusch  
Charles Clay  
Daniel Zink  
Cynthia Olson

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July 17, 2002

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20423



Re: STB Docket No. AB-391 (Sub-No. 9X), Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in LaMoure and Barnes Counties, ND

Dear Mr. Williams:

In the above-referenced docket number, Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company ("RRVW") filed a notice of exemption to abandon its rail line from Lucca, ND to Marion, ND. On February 25, 2002, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") required RRVW (prior to salvage) to consult with: (1) the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, regarding any required Corps permits; (2) the North Dakota Department of Health, Environmental Health Section, regarding appropriate measures to minimize impacts to state water sources and determine whether a stormwater permit is required; and (3) Dwight Comfort of the North Dakota Office of the State Engineer, regarding any need to remove culvert crossings.

Prior to abandoning the Marion Line on May 28, 2002, RRVW consulted with the three agencies named. RRVW confirmed the consultations with follow up letters to the agencies, copies of which are enclosed herein for your reference.

Please feel free to contact our representative with any questions in this matter: Troy W. Garris, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-1609, (202) 628-2000.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Drusch".

William F. Drusch  
President  
Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company



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Mr. Francis Schwindt, Chief  
North Dakota Department of Health  
1200 Missouri Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58504-5264

Dear Mr. Schwindt:

Thank you for taking time to visit with me this morning regarding the abandonment of Red River Valley & Western Railroad's line in LaMoure and Barnes Counties (Docket No. AB-391 (Sub-No. 9X)).

As we discussed, RRVW will begin removal of rail on this line this week. Our intentions are to remove rail and wood ties, leaving the culverts, bridges and road bed in place.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at (218) 643-4994.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Olson".

Cynthia Olson  
Manager-Operations/Administration



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Mr. William May  
Corps of Engineers, Omaha District  
North Dakota Regulatory Office  
1513 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bismarck, ND 58504-6640

Dear Mr. May:

Thank you for taking time to visit with me this morning regarding the abandonment of Red River Valley & Western Railroad's line in LaMoure and Barnes Counties (Docket No. AB-391 (Sub-No. 9X)).

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Mr. Dwight Comfort  
Office of the State Engineer  
900 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

Dear Mr. Comfort:

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